

Quality First Child Care Scholarships
Recommendations for Future Model Changes
9/13/12

1. Connection of scholarships to quality as defined by 3-5 stars:
 - a. No scholarships available for QF wait list providers starting in FY14.
 - b. No Scholarships available for QF wait list or 1-star providers starting in FY15.
 - c. No scholarships available for QF wait list or 1-2 star providers starting in FY16.
 - d. Waiver policy and process for b and c.
 - e. Providers who enroll in the year before the cut off and who receive a rating that requires they be cut off the following year (1 star in FY14, 1-2 stars in FY15) can opt to take scholarships for remainder of the year or decline scholarships. (Example: a new program rated a 1 star in November 2013 can take scholarships for the remainder of FY14 but will lose them in FY15. Or it can decline scholarships for the remainder of FY14).
2. Assessment / rating scores as of April 1 of each year will determine the scholarship rate for the following fiscal year.
3. If a program is NEWLY enrolled after March 1st, their scholarship rate will depend upon the actual assessment score, when completed.
4. Waiver process is available for awarding above double the allotted cap in specific regions or for specific strategies, such as Pre-K or Tribal regions.
5. DHS licensing payment remains at 50% of licensing fee for providers of various ratings.

* QF Wait List Programs receiving QF Child Care Scholarships in FY2012 have been prioritized for Quality First enrollment in regions where slots were available.

- To ensure that families have continuity of care throughout the fiscal year
- Only in regions that have slots available
- Will prioritize by QF application submittal date if more wait list programs than there are available slots
- Enrolled in August

Region	Number of wait list scholarship sites receiving scholarships in SFY13	Number of wait list scholarship sites that were selected for enrollment in August
Central Phoenix	8 centers	8
Cochise	1 home	1
Coconino	1 center	0 no slots available
Navajo/Apache	1 center 1 home	0 no slots available
Northeast Maricopa	1 center	0 no slots available**
Northwest Maricopa	2 centers	2
Santa Cruz	10 centers	0 no slots available
Southeast Maricopa	3 centers	0 no slots available**
Yavapai	2 centers	2
Yuma	2 homes	2
Central Pima	10 centers 1 home	2 (1 center and 1 home)**

***VSUW will be reassessing the funding and scholarship numbers in October. At that time, we will know if the scholarships for the wait lists in NE Maricopa, Southeast Maricopa and Central Pima will be available.*

Four Year Progression to Link Scholarships to Quality Rating

	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16
Wait List Sites	→			
1 Star Sites	→	→		
2 Star Sites	→	→	→	
3-5 Star Sites	→	→	→	→